

Explanation Under the Rule 19-1

Claims 46, 49, 97, 100, 148 and 151 are replaced with those claims first filed.

Claims 1 to 45, 47, 48, 50 to 96, 98, 99, 101 to 147, 149, 150 and 152 to 155 are unchanged and maintained.

The amendment basis of claims 46, 97 and 148 according to the amendment under the Rule 19 is based on the description of lines 11 to 12 on page 55 in the specification (corresponding to English Specification P68 last paragraph but one starting from "Although"). More specifically, there is a description about the message transmitted immediately before the beacon transmission of the reception side, so that it does not fall into an addition of a new matter even if the description of "after a beacon transmitting is finished" in the original claims 46, 97 and 148 is changed to "immediately before a beacon transmission".

The amendment basis of claims 49, 100 and 151 according to the amendment under the Rule 19 is based on the description after line 10 on page 51 (corresponding to English Specification P62 last paragraph starting from "First,") in the specification. More specifically, the amendment is carried out to clarify that the objects

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of "local station" described in the preceding stage of claims 49 and 151 and "local station" described in the succeeding stage thereof are different from each other, and a similar clarification is made also with reference to claim 100. Also, there is a description at line 18 on page 51 (corresponding to English Specification P63 lines 3 to 6 starting from "The communication") in the specification that "communication station ST0 confirms that the communication station ST0 is in a receivable state", so that it does not fall into an addition of a new matter even if the description of "asks a signal informing that data are desired to be transmitted to the local station" in the original claims 49 is changed to "asks a signal informing that data can be transmitted to the beacon reception station". An amendment was made also with respect to the corresponding claims 100 and 151 according to a similar purpose.